

32. The coupling for a cylindrical sputtering target according to claim 28, wherein the arcing element touches a surface of the sputtering target.

REMARKS

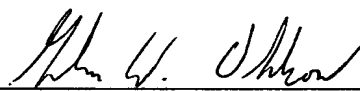
New claims 13-32 correspond to the claims 1-12 in the International application, except that multiple dependency has been eliminated. If any multiple dependency remains, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to cancel any remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States.

The Declaration for the application will be filed shortly.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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